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- 1. Japanese Publication No. 9-166175 A concise explanation of this publication is given on pages 3-4 of the specification. EPO Patent Application No. EP0780592 A2 is the English equivalent of this publication.
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